

Colonial Secretary's Office, 5th April, 1888.

THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following Report on the Jamaica Government Railway, for the year ended 30th September, 1887.

By Command,

NEALE PORTER, Colonial Secretary

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*The Director of Public Works to Colonial Secretary.*

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Director of Public Works' Office, 11th January, 1888.

SIR,

I hand you herewith the Report of the Acting Manager of the Railway for the past financial year.

2. I have to report that the Railway and Rolling Stock have been maintained in good order. Four new Box Waggon have been built and added to the Stock during the year.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

VALENTINE G. BELL,  
Director of Public Works.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Kingston.

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*The Acting Manager Jamaica Government Railway to the Director of Public Works.*

Copy. Jamaica Government Railway, 30th December, 1887.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

1. I have the honor to submit my report on the working of the Railway for the year ending 30th September, 1887.

2. The gross receipts for the year amounted to £44,270 10s. 10d., exceeding the estimate of revenue by £2,270 10s. 10d., and the receipts of 1885-86 by £9,498 3s. 1d.; but I must point out that in 1885-86 we suffered from heavy floods which caused long stoppages of Traffic on the old Line and on both Extensions.

3. During the year Traffic had to be suspended twice. The first suspension occurred in July owing to the damage done by heavy rains to the temporary bridge over the Bower's Gully. This occasioned the partial suspension of Passenger and the total suspension of Goods Traffic for three days. The second was due to the accident on the 20th September, which partly suspended Passenger and totally suspended Goods Traffic for one day:

4. The receipts per mile of Railway were £691 14s. 10d.; the expenditure was £478 3s. 6d. The earnings per train mile were 4s. 9 88d. and the Expenditure 3s. 4.05d. The number of train miles run was 183,583.

5. The following statement shows the receipts for the year under review as compared with the two preceding years:—

	1886-87.	1885-86.	1884-85.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Goods and Cattle ...	23,286 15 2	16,959 10 3	13,494 15 7
Passengers ...	17,783 9 6	15,017 0 -	14,977 13 3
Miscellaneous ...	420 15 1	723 12 8	1,610 14 0
Wharf ...	2,779 11 1	2,071 15 2	1,885 4 5
	44,270 10 10	34,772 7 9	31,958 12 3

6. The number of Passengers carried during the year was 230,174, and I have no doubt this number would have been exceeded had it not been for the Small-pox epidemic which prevailed during the greater part of the year.

7. The following is a Comparative Statement showing the number of Passengers carried during the year and the two preceding years:—

	First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	Season.	Totals.
1886-87 ...	16,336	9,779	191,061	12,998	230,174
1885-86 ...	15,694	10,612	159,700	9,932	186,938
1884-85 ...	18,271	16,122	157,730	9,724	201,847

#### EXPENDITURE.

8. The expenditure was £30,601-16s. 7d., exceeding the estimate by £6,220 16s. 7d., but special grants of £2,693 and £5,198 were made during the year, thus increasing the amount sanctioned to £32,272; it will therefore be seen that the expenditure was £1,670 3s. 5d. less than was granted.

9. The net revenue for the year is £13,668 14s. 3d.

10. Further particulars will be found in the returns numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, attached to this report.

(Signed) THOS. GUNTER, Acting Manager.

#### JAMAICA GOVERNMENT RAILWAY.

No. 1.—Return for 12 Months ending 30th September, 1887.

CAPITAL.		
Length of Railway ...	...	64 miles.
RECEIPTS.		
Goods and Cattle Revenue ...	...	£ 23,286 15 2
Passengers ...	...	17,783 9 6
Prince's Wharf ...	...	2,779 11 1
Miscellaneous ...	...	420 15 1
Total Receipts ...	...	£44,270 10 10

Working Expenses.	—	—	Per cent. of Receipts.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Maintenance of Way and Works ...	...	8,937 16 9	20.24
Locomotive Power ...	...	6,946 2 0	15.69
Repairs to Carriages and Waggon	...	1,244 16 2	2.81
Traffic Expenses ...	...	8,022 4 0	18.12
General Charges ...	...	3,249 10 3	7.34
Rates and Taxes ...	186 12 1	...	...
Law Charges ...	217 8 2	...	...
Drayage ...	456 13 3	...	...
Compensation ...	1,320 13 11	2,181 7 5	4.92
	£ 30,601 16 7		69.12

Number of Train miles run ...	...	183,583
Working expenses per Train mile ...	...	3/4.06d.
Gross Receipts per Train mile ...	...	4/9.88d.

No. 2.—*Proportion of Passengers and Goods Receipts at each Station.*

Stations.	Passengers.	Goods.	Stations.	Passengers.	Goods.
Kingston	0.335	0.364	Four Paths	0.025	0.021
Gregory Park	0.019	0.049	Clarendon Park	0.021	0.018
Grange Lane	0.004	0.014	Porus	0.138	0.205
Spanish Town	0.132	0.028	Bog Walk	0.030	0.029
Hartlands	0.004	0.034	Linstead	0.051	0.048
Bushy Park	0.010	0.000	Ewarton	0.072	0.049
Old Harbour	0.071	0.024			
May Pen	0.072	0.078		1.000	1.000

No. 3.—*Return of Passengers carried, 1886-87.*

—	Kingston.	Gregory Park.	Grange Lane.	Spanish Town.	Hartlands.	Bushy Park.	Old Harbour.	May Pen.	Four Paths.	Clarendon Park.	Porus.	Bog Walk.	Linstead.	Ewarton.	Total.
1st Class	6,289	421	1,134	2,857	5	38	1,356	725	108	223	1,493	337	369	1,051	16,336
2nd Class	4,265	322	30	2,322	114	143	689	536	217	149	991				9,779
3rd Class	49,199	7,968	1,442	38,225	1,500	3,566	13,208	12,007	4,254	3,668	13,544	10,159	18,756	13,565	191,061
Season Tickets	6,477	2,112	396	2,823	260		286				312		26	312	12,998
	66,230	10,823	2,996	46,237	1,879	3,747	15,539	13,268	4,579	4,031	16,250	10,516	19,151	14,928	230,174

No. 4.—*Statement shewing Excess of Expenditure over Votes, 1886-87.*

—	Vote.	Expenditure.	Excess.	Remarks.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
A.—Maintenance of Way and Works	6,045 0 0	8,957 16 9	2,912 16 9	£1,000 due to under-estimate, £1,912 16s. 9d. due to renewal of ballast and minor repairs rendered necessary by floods in 1886.
B.—Locomotive Power	6,504 0 0	6,946 2 0	442 2 0	Due to increased Traffic.
C.—Carriages and Waggons	600 0 0	1,244 16 2	644 16 2	Cost of repairs to Carriages injured in accident in August, 1886, and of four new Box Waggons built in Workshop.
D.—Traffic Expenses	7,509 0 0	8,022 4 0	513 4 0	Due to increased Traffic.
E.—General Charges	3,723 0 0	5,430 17 8	1,707 17 8	£369 15s. 7d. due to under-estimate and increased Traffic, £1,338 2s. 1d. due to compensations and law charges consequent on accidents in January and August 1886.
	24,381 0 0	30,601 6 7	6,220 16 7	